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Identical letters dated 2 June 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

With the agreement of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, I have the honour to transmit the statement made by the speakers of the parliaments of the neighbouring countries of Iraq at the meeting convened by the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Amman, Jordan, on 12 and 13 May 2004 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the relevant agenda item, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Zeid Ra'ad Zeid **Al-Hussein**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the identical letters dated 2 June 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

Statement made by the speakers of the parliaments of the neighbouring countries of Iraq at the meeting convened by the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Amman, Jordan, on 12 and 13 May 2004

1. We have met under the auspices of the Inter-Parliamentary Union – the world organisation of parliaments to which we all belong – to discuss efforts by the international community to restore sovereignty to the Iraqi people and bring stability to Iraq, and ways for the parliamentary community to provide support for the building of democratic institutions in that country.

2. In so doing, we are fulfilling the commitment we made at the first ever World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (2000) that our parliaments will contribute more substantively to international cooperation with a stronger United Nations at its core. We are also following up on resolutions on Iraq emerging from several recent IPU meetings and, in particular, on the resolution adopted unanimously at the IPU Conference in Santiago de Chile last year on *The need to put an urgent end to the war in Iraq and re-establish peace: The role of the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.*

3. A year after the meeting in Santiago - which coincided with the war in Iraq - we remain extremely concerned by the continuing insecurity and the escalation of violence and political instability in that country. We are convinced of the urgent need to address the very precarious and complicated security situation throughout Iraq. We join the voices of many others in calling for respect for the rule of law, human rights and humanitarian law, and for an early, peaceful resolution of the crisis.

4. We are incensed at the cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment that has been meted out by members of the occupation forces to some of the Iraqis who have been detained by them. We condemn this flagrant violation of international humanitarian law and basic principles of humanity and call for those responsible to be brought to justice.

5. We express our sympathy with the people of Iraq who are enduring immense sufferings as a result of the continuing conflict that has resulted from the occupation. We call for sustained efforts by the international community to provide humanitarian and reconstruction assistance throughout the country on an equitable basis so as to alleviate and put an end to the sufferings of innocent Iraqi people. We reaffirm that Iraq's wealth should not be used, nor its natural resources depleted, to implement the reconstruction process.

6. We reaffirm that the people of Iraq must retain sole ownership over all their natural and cultural resources. We call upon the United Nations, working through its specialised agencies, the occupying powers and the international community at large jointly to ensure that the stolen cultural property of Iraq is returned to that country.

7. We confirm our support for all efforts to bring to justice all officials who are responsible for committing international crimes against the peoples of Iraq, Iran and Kuwait and especially the leadership of the former regime of Iraq, including Saddam Hussein.

8. We strongly urge all parties to ensure full respect for the rights of all components of Iraqi society - religious, ethnic and cultural. We also call for the full and equal participation of all Iraqis in the re-building of Iraq, with particular emphasis on the participation of women in all phases of re-construction and in building new political institutions for the country.

9. For centuries, Iraq has shared cultural, religious, ethnic, geographical and historical links with its neighbours. These very significant ties depend upon close cooperation, respect for bilateral commitments and amicable relations among those neighbours, in the common interest. In that same spirit, we reaffirm the necessity of removing from Iraqi territory those terrorist and armed groups that constitute a danger for the neighbouring countries, and we call upon the Iraqi authorities to extend their full cooperation to this effect.

10. We support the statement issued by the Fifth Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of States neighbouring Iraq at its meeting in Kuwait on 14 and 15 February 2004. We underscore the importance of taking every step necessary to ensure full respect for basic principles of international law in Iraq, including respect for the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and unity of Iraq and non-interference in its internal affairs. It is for the Iraqi people – and the Iraqi people only – freely to determine their future. We underscore the importance for the Iraqi people to remain united and to make every effort to achieve a national consensus in building their future.

11. We stand by the agreed date of 30 June 2004 for bringing an end to the occupation of Iraq, even though it is clear that an elected government that is fully representative of the people of Iraq cannot be put in place by that deadline. In the event that the interim government of Iraq should need the assistance of a foreign military force for security purposes, this should be organized under a clear mandate from the United Nations Security Council.

12. We call for a broader and more central role for the United Nations in Iraq based on a clearly defined, realistic and achievable mandate from the United Nations Security Council focussing on facilitating the political transition in the country. We reaffirm our belief that the United Nations can make an essential and unique contribution towards re-establishing legitimacy in Iraq, promoting the rule of law and rebuilding effective State institutions in the country according to a permanent Constitution that is based on democratic principles. We underscore the need for the United Nations to be given adequate resources to carry out its mandate effectively and to be provided with the necessary security on the ground.

13. We welcome the resumption of United Nations activities in Iraq and, in particular, those of the Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General and the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI). We concur with the recommendation submitted by the Special Advisor to the Security Council whereby the United Nations would assist the Iraqi people in putting in place a new Caretaker Government that would be composed of respected men and women of honesty, integrity and competence who are representative of Iraq's diversity and whose task would be to tend to the day-to-day administration of the country until an elected government can take over in early 2005. We recommend that the parliament elected on the same occasion prepare a permanent Constitution on the basis of which future elections will be organised.

14. Similarly, we underscore the need for a broad-based National Conference to be convened with the assistance of the United Nations, if possible in mid 2004, by an Iraqi Preparatory Committee comprised of a small number of reputable and distinguished Iraqis who are not seeking political office.

The National Conference should represent Iraq's political, professional, and civil society organisations, and religious, tribal and ethnic segments. Its members should be selected by these Iraqi constituencies. The National Conference should play a major role during the transition and should receive the support of the United Nations and the international community. It would engage in a dialogue on the country's challenges and seek to foster a national consensus on how best to address them. Moreover, it would establish a Consultative Council that would advise the Caretaker Government and act as a forum for dialogue on national reconciliation, confidence building and national unity.

15. We welcome the advice and assistance that the United Nations is currently providing to the Iraqi people on the electoral process that will need to be put in place in advance of the 2005 general elections. We believe that the well-established IPU Criteria on Free and Fair Elections can be useful to the Iraqi people in preparing the electoral process, and we urge the United Nations to make them available as part of its information campaign and other preparatory activities. The IPU stands ready to assist in civic education in relation to democracy and tolerance and provide support for free and fair elections under the overall supervision of the United Nations.

16. We are convinced that the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the world parliamentary community can make a substantial and concrete contribution to the electoral process in Iraq and the subsequent establishment of democratic institutions in the following ways:

- Sharing their rich experience and lessons learned: Over the last 20 years, many parliaments and inter-parliamentary organisations have been involved in constitution-making processes all over the world. Many leading politicians from these countries who took part in those endeavours are members of parliament today and can share their personal and direct experience with Iraqi leaders, both in relation to the kind of process that was used in their countries, and with respect to the resolution of some fundamental issues.

- Providing constitutional advice: The IPU and a number of regional parliamentary assemblies and organizations have developed considerable expertise in building and strengthening representative institutions and can offer detailed and carefully researched comparative and analytical information regarding different parliamentary, presidential or mixed systems. They can also provide constitutional experts who have worked in similar processes elsewhere and can offer advice to the parliament elected in early 2005 that will also be assigned the task of preparing a new Constitution. In addition, the IPU has developed extensive experience in gender issues and, specifically, in matters relating to women's participation in public life.

- Assisting with the establishment and consolidation of State institutions such as a parliament: The IPU and many parliaments can help ensure that propitious conditions are put in place to enable the new parliament to function in an efficient and democratic manner. Invariably, parliaments need support in providing orientation for new members, capacity building for staff and advisory assistance regarding the working methods of the parliament, including the establishment of workable rules of procedure and in the organisation and equipment of library and research services, including the use of ICT. The IPU has extensive experience in providing new parliaments with hands-on assistance in these areas.

- Directly supporting the new Parliament of Iraq during its consideration of the draft Constitution: The IPU and several regional parliamentary bodies can provide concrete support to help build the capacity of this Parliament, through orientation programmes and training of staff who are called on to assist in the process.

- Harnessing parliamentary diplomacy and regional solidarity in the service of democratisation and regional stability: The Universal Declaration on Democracy, endorsed by the full IPU membership at its 98th Conference in Cairo (September 1997), lays the foundation (principles and guidelines) for a functioning democratic government. These principles have been the engine of change in many countries throughout the world, and we look forward to working with the legitimate, freely elected representatives of Iraq in support of this process.

17. We have earlier stated our commitment to the fundamental principle that the future of Iraq – including the choice of its institutions and national processes – has to be determined by the Iraqi people themselves. We therefore offer to work in support of the Iraqi people along the lines outlined above if that is their wish.

18. We look forward to the establishment of a new legitimate parliament in Iraq to engage within the region and beyond, and we resolve to enter into constructive dialogue and cooperation with that new body according to those principles of solidarity and negotiation that have inspired the Inter-Parliamentary Union for more than a century. We hope to be able to celebrate the return of this new parliament to the ranks of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the near future.

19. We wish to place on record our profound gratitude to H.M. the King, the Government and the people of Jordan as well as the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Jordan for having hosted this first meeting of Speakers of Parliaments of the Countries Neighbouring Iraq. We resolve to remain in close contact and monitor the development of the situation in Iraq on a continuous basis and we ask the Inter-Parliamentary Union to convene future meetings as the need arises. We invite the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to inform the Iraqi people and authorities, and the United Nations Secretary-General, of the outcome of this meeting. Finally, we ask the Government of Jordan to ensure that this statement is circulated as an official document of the United Nations Security Council.

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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: International Civil Service Commission

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

1. At its 88th plenary meeting, on 24 May 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session, under the item entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments", the sub-item entitled "Appointment of a member of the International Civil Service Commission".

2. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June 2004, the Fifth Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/58/110) concerning a vacancy in the membership of the International Civil Service Commission as a result of the death of João Augusto de Médicis (Brazil).

3. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee also had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/38) containing the name of the person nominated by the Government of Brazil for appointment to the Commission to fill the remainder of the term of office of Mr. de Médicis, which expires on 31 December 2005.

4. Also at the same meeting, the Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appoint Gilberto Paranhos Velloso (Brazil) as a member of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on _____ 2004[1] and ending on 31 December 2005.

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

5. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly appoint Gilberto Paranhos Velloso (Brazil) as a member of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on _____ 2004[1] and ending on 31 December 2005.

[1] Date of adoption of the decision by the General Assembly.

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Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

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Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force; United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the items entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005", "Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994", "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations", "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus", "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo", "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor", "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea", "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia", "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force; United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon", "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" and "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" and to allocate them to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the items at its 42nd and 51st meetings, on 12 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the items are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.42 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises (A/58/756);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/758).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.91

4. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June 2004, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises" (A/C.5/58/L.91), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Switzerland, India and Egypt.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.91 without a vote (see para. 8).

7. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Norway and the United States of America.

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 56/255 of 24 December 2001, 56/286 of 27 June 2002, 57/305 of 15 April 2003, 58/270 of 23 December 2003 and all relevant resolutions regarding the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises,[1]

Having also considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in its report,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Stresses* the need, for the purposes of objective analyses, for a dedicated functional staff at Headquarters to review the recommendations on country risk assessments made by security officers in the field with the assistance of and input from national authorities of the host country;

3. *Approves* the establishment of 58 new field security posts for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator, and decides, without prejudice to such decisions as may be arrived at regarding cost-sharing arrangements, to appropriate 2,583,000 United States dollars, being the portion of costs normally attributable to the United Nations using current formulas, and to revert to the required residual funding of 8,162,100 dollars at the fifty-ninth session when determining cost-sharing arrangements;

4. *Decides* to revert to the possible conversion of the 58 extrabudgetary field security posts for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator in the context of the comprehensive report at its fifty-ninth session;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments not to exceed 38,033,200 dollars for the financing of infrastructure projects;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-ninth session a comprehensive report on further strengthening the safety and security of United Nations operations, staff and premises, which should contain, inter alia, the following elements:

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[1] A/58/756.

[2] A/58/758.

(a) Clearly established criteria for determining long-term needs;

(b) A rational framework for the enhancement of system-wide security arrangements, based on the completion of all ongoing reviews, including the change management study;

(c) Time frames for the completion of the various projects proposed in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] as well as determinations as to which organizational units are responsible for their completion;

(d) Clearly established lines of accountability and responsibility and a clear chain of command for all participants in field security and at duty stations, including clarification of the relationship between all relevant United Nations entities and the Secretariat;

(e) Information on United Nations cooperation with and the role and responsibilities of host countries;

(f) Information on the need to ensure an enhanced professional capacity in the United Nations to conduct threat and risk assessment on a worldwide basis in order to address the issue raised in paragraph 18 of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

(g) Information on the utilization and cost of expertise sought on safety and security;

(h) Information on the need for adequate security-related training for all United Nations staff;

(i) Analysis and recommendations on long-term funding arrangements for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator and related resource requirements;

7. *Decides* that the resource requirements in the requested report should be based on and justified in terms of the Secretary-General's comprehensive review of safety and security;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust to the Office of Internal Oversight Services the conduct of an audit review of the utilization and management of the funds appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/286 for the implementation of measures to strengthen the security and safety of United Nations premises, including the causes for cost escalation and compliance with procurement procedures, and to report to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session in conjunction with the comprehensive report on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises;

9. *Decides* to approve an additional appropriation under the regular budget in the amount of 18,287,100 dollars, broken down as follows:

Section 3, Political affairs	2 866 100
Section 4, Disarmament	70 200
Section 5, Peacekeeping operations	3 774 100
Section 7, International Court of Justice	84 000
Section 18, Economic and social development in Africa	55 700
Section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	592 900
Section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	80 900
Section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia	233 400
Section 28, Public information	186 200
Section 29A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	500 000
Section 29C, Office of Human Resources Management	326 800
Section 29D, Office of Central Support Services	1 672 100
Section 29E, Administration, Geneva	2 683 500
Section 29F, Administration, Vienna	1 931 900
Section 29G, Administration, Nairobi	646 300
Section 31, Jointly financed administrative activities	2 583 000
Total	**18 287 100**

10. *Also decides* to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of 48,700 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount of income under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

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Human resources management

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the items entitled "Human resources management" and "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" and to allocate them to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the items at its 44th and 51st meetings, on 19 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.44 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/58/777);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/705)";

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/759).

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II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.87

4. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June 2004, the representative of Belgium, coordinator of the informal consultations, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" (A/C.5/58/L.87).

5. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay and Venezuela.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.87 without a vote (see para. 9).

B. Draft decision A/C.5/58/L.71

7. Also at its 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse" (A/C.5/58/L.71), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of New Zealand.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.71 without a vote (see para. 10).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

9. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005"[1] and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-ninth session on the use, including the conversion, of 300 series contracts, addressing in particular the strategy of the Organization for meeting current and future human resources requirements for peacekeeping missions, taking into account the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 35 to 39 of its report,[2] concerning the wholesale conversion, bearing in mind the fact that the General Assembly has taken no decision to support the replacement of the 300 series contracts as a mechanism for the employment of staff in peacekeeping missions;

3. *Decides* to suspend the application of the four-year maximum limit[3] for appointments of limited duration under the 300 series of the staff rules in peacekeeping operations until 31 December 2004, pending a decision by the General Assembly on this matter at its fifty-ninth session.

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[1] A/58/705.

[2] A/58/759.

[3] See resolution 52/216; ST/SGB/2004/3 and Corr.1, Scope and purpose of the 300 series of Staff Rules; and staff rules 301.1 (a) (ii) and 304.4 (b).

10. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.[1]

[1] A/58/777.

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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th, 41st and 51st meetings, on 3 and 4 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.40, 41 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 (A/58/632);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/705);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (A/58/720);

(d) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/759 and Add.11).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.68

4. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina" (A/C.5/58/L.68), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Australia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.68 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1035 (1995) of 21 December 1995 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1423 (2002) of 12 July 2002, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 December 2002,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1437 (2002) of 11 October 2002, in which the Council authorized the United Nations military observers to continue to monitor the demilitarization of the Prevlaka peninsula until 15 December 2002,

Recalling further its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/334 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 38 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only ninety-seven Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

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[1] A/58/632, A/58/705 and A/58/720.

[2] A/58/759 and Add.11.

3. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Final disposition of assets

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the Mission;[4]

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

8. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[5]

9. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 16,839,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

10. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 16,839,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 9 above;

11. *Decides further* that the increase of 342,600 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 9 and 10 above, and that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs, as appropriate;

12. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

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[3] A/58/759/Add.11.

[4] A/58/720.

[5] A/58/632.

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Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th, 41st and 51st meetings, on 3 and 4 May and on 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.40, 41 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 (A/58/631);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/644 and Corr.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/705);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises (A/58/756);

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(e) Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/758, A/58/759 and Add.4).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.77

4. At the 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus" (A/C.5/58/L.77), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Australia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.77 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1517 (2003) of 24 November 2003,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force for the period beginning 16 June 1993 and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/332 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for

[1] A/58/631, A/58/644 and Corr.1, A/58/705 and A/58/756.

[2] A/58/758, A/58/759 and Add.4.

voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[3]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 15.7 million United States dollars, representing some 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

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[3] S/1994/647.

[4] A/58/759/Add.4.

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[5]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 51,992,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 47,240,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 2,176,900 dollars for strengthening the security and safety of the staff and premises of the Force,[6] 2,105,100 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 469,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 16,444,900 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 29,047,300 dollars at a monthly rate of 2,420,608 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

15. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,657,500 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,323,800 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 307,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 26,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

16. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 1,005,879 dollars for the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 and 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

17. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount

[5] A/58/631.

[6] Resolution 58/__.

of 1,005,879 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 16 above;

18. *Decides also*, that the increase in the estimated staff assessment income of 85,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 16 and 17 above, and that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs, as appropriate;

19. *Decides further*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2003, that one third of other income in the amount of 641,666 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

20. *Decides* that, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2003, the prorated share of other income in the amount of 286,055 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

21. *Decides also* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

22. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force;

24. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

25. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".

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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th, 41st and 51st meetings, on 3 and 4 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.40, 41 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 (A/58/633);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/658);

(c) Report of the Secretary- General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/705);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises (A/58/756);

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(e) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/758, A/58/759 and Add.8).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.78

4. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea" (A/C.5/58/L.78), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Australia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.78 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1312 (2000) of 31 July 2000, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1531 (2004) of 12 March 2004,

Recalling its resolution 55/237 of 23 December 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/328 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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[1] A/58/633, A/58/658, A/58/705 and A/58/756.

[2] A/58/758, A/58/759 and Add.8.

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 24.8 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[4]

[3] A/58/759/Add.8.

[4] A/58/633.

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea the amount of 216,030,500 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 198,331,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 7 million dollars for the strengthening of the safety and security of the staff and premises of the Mission,[5] 8,746,800 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,952,100 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 216,030,500 dollars at a monthly rate of 18,002,541 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 5,943,800 dollars at a monthly rate of 495,316 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,557,400 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,276,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 110,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

15. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 24,505,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 and 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

16. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 24,505,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 15 above;

17. *Decides further* that the decrease of 5,100 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be set off against the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 15 and 16 above;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping operation shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping operations;

[5] See resolution 58/__.

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in peacekeeping operations;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea".

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Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad A. **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th, 41st and 51st meetings, on 3 and 4 May and on 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.40, 41, and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 (A/58/639);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/640);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/705);

(d) Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/759 and Add.1).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.74

4. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June 2004, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia" (A/C.5/58/L.74), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Australia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.74 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the Secretary of the Fifth Committee on behalf of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/C.5/58/SR.51).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, by which the Council approved the deployment of an advance team of up to ten United Nations military observers for a period of three months and the incorporation of the advance team into a United Nations observer mission if such a mission was formally established by the Council,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Observer Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1524 (2004) of 30 January 2004,

Recalling further its decision 48/475 A of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/333 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

[1] A/58/639, A/58/640 and A/58/705.

[2] A/58/759 and Add.1.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 12.4 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Observer Mission;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Observer Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[4]

[3] A/58/759/Add.1.
[4] A/58/639.

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

11. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia the amount of 33,589,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 31,925,700 dollars for the maintenance of the Observer Mission, 1,360,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 303,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

12. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 33,589,200 dollars at a monthly rate of 2,799,100 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

13. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,339,800 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,124,200 dollars approved for the Observer Mission, the prorated share of 198,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 17,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

14. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 4,096,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 and 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003 as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

15. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 4,096,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above;

16. *Decides further* that the increase of 142,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 14 and 15 above and that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs, as appropriate;

17. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

18. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Observer Mission under the auspices of the United Nations;

19. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

20. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia".

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Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad A. **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th, 41st and 51st meetings, on 3 and 4 May and on 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.40, 41 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 (A/58/634);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/638 and Corr.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/705);

(d) Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/759 and Add.5).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.79

4. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June 2004, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo" (A/C.5/58/L.79), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Australia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.79 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

Recalling also its resolution 53/241 of 28 July 1999 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/326 of 18 June 2003,

Acknowledging the complexity of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 108.2 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-two Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

[1] A/58/634, A/58/638 and Corr.1 and A/58/705.

[2] A/58/759 and Add.5.

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation, bearing in mind that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General has requested additional police and judicial resources in response to recent events in Kosovo (Serbia and Montenegro);

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo the amount of 278,413,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 264,625,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 11,272,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 2,515,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

[3] A/58/759/Add.5.

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 278,413,700 dollars at a monthly rate of 23,201,142 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 20,572,400 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 18,785,600 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,645,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 141,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

15. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 10,804,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 and 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

16. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 10,804,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 15 above;

17. *Decides further* that the increase of 2,113,600 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 15 and 16 above;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".

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[4] A/58/634.

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Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th, 41st and 51st meetings, on 3 and 4 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.40, 41 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 (A/58/641);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the Force for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/662 and Corr.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/705);

(d) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/759 and Add.7).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.73

4. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force" (A/C.5/58/L.73), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Argentina.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.73 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1520 (2003) of 22 December 2003,

Recalling also its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/324 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 17.4 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

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[1] A/58/641, A/58/662 and Corr.1 and A/58/705.

[2] A/58/759 and Add.7.

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

5. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] except those in paragraphs 16 and 20, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to fund the fourteen contractual posts mentioned in paragraph 10 of his report on the budget for the Force for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005[4] through general temporary assistance, without prejudice to a future discussion and decision on the proposal, and requests the Secretary-General to resubmit with full justification this request in the context of the budget proposal for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, taking into account the recommendation of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 19 of its report;[3]

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

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[3] A/58/759/Add.7.

[4] A/58/662 and Corr.1.

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[5]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 43,033,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 40,902,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 1,742,400 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 388,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

15. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 43,033,400 dollars at a monthly rate of 3,586,116 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

16. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,451,700 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,175,400 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 254,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 22,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

17. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 1,891,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 and 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

18. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 1,891,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 17 above;

19. *Decides further* that the increase of 86,600 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above and

[5] A/58/641.

that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs as appropriate;

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Disengagement Observer Force".

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Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th, 41st, 50th and 51st meetings, on 3, 4 and 27 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.40, 41, 50 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 (A/58/637);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/659);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/705);

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(d) Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/759 and Add.6).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.81

4. At the 50th meeting, on 27 May, the representative of Argentina, coordinator of informal consultations on the sub-item, informed the Committee that no consensus had been reached during the informal consultations on this question.

5. At the same meeting, the representative of Qatar, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon" (A/C.5/58/L.81).

6. At the 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Secretary of the Committee pointed out a correction to be made to operative paragraph 10 of the draft resolution, replacing the words "so that the General Assembly may" by the words "in order to".

7. At the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America made a statement and requested that a single recorded vote be taken on the fourth preambular paragraph and on operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 13 of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.81.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 13 of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.81 by a recorded vote of 80 to 2, with 51 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,

Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay.

9. Also at the 51st meeting, the representative of the United States of America made another statement and requested that a recorded vote be taken on draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.81 as a whole.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.81, as a whole by a recorded vote of 137 to 2, with 1 abstention (see para. 13). The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, United States of America.

Abstention:

Cameroon

11. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), Israel, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Ireland.

12. Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon.

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

13. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon,[1] the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the report of the Board of Auditors,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1525 (2004) of 30 January 2004,

Recalling also its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/325 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/233 of 13 June 1997, 52/237 of 26 June 1998, 53/227 of 8 June 1999, 54/267 of 15 June 2000, 55/180 A of 19 December 2000, 55/180 B of 14 June 2001, 56/214 A of 21 December 2001, 56/214 B of 27 June 2002 and 57/325 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming also the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 77 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only twenty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

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[1] A/58/637, A/58/659, A/58/705.

[2] A/58/759 and Add.6.

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/58/5), vol. II.

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

3. *Expresses its deep concern* that Israel did not comply with General Assembly resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B, 56/214 A, 56/214 B and 57/325;

4. *Stresses once again* that Israel should strictly abide by General Assembly resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B, 56/214 A, 56/214 B and 57/325;

5. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

6. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

7. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

8. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation, and, with regard to the recommendation contained in paragraph 16 concerning the Secretary-General's proposal[5] to convert forty-five individual service agreements into forty-five national posts, requests the Secretary-General to provide further information in order to take a decision on this question at its fifty-ninth session;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

13. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of paragraph 8 of its resolution 51/233, paragraph 5 of its resolution 52/237, paragraph 11 of its resolution 53/227, paragraph 14 of its resolution 54/267, paragraph 14 of its resolution 55/180 A,

[4] A/58/759/Add.6.

[5] See A/58/659.

paragraph 15 of its resolution 55/180 B, paragraph 13 of its resolution 56/214 A, paragraph 13 of its resolution 56/214 B and paragraph 14 of its resolution 57/325, stresses once again that Israel shall pay the amount of 1,117,005 dollars resulting from the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996, and requests the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-ninth session;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[6]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of 97,804,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 92,960,300 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 3,960,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 883,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

16. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 97,804,100 dollars at a monthly rate of 8,150,341 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

17. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 5,313,100 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,685,400 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 577,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 49,800 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 15,788,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 and 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

19. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total

[6] A/58/637.

amount of 15,788,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Further decides* that the increase of 878,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above, and that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs, as appropriate;

21. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the retained surplus in the total amount of 63,312,709 dollars, representing the net accumulated surplus in the account of the Force from 1978 to 1993,[7] in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/244 of 21 December 1990, 46/194 of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and 51/218 B and C of 18 December 1996, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 1993 as set out in its resolution 46/221 A of 20 December 1991, as adjusted by the Assembly in its decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992 and its resolution 48/223 A of 23 December 1993;

22. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the retained surplus in the total amount of 63,312,709 dollars, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 21 above;

23. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

24. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force;

25. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

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[7] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/58/5), vol. II, chap. V, notes 4 (c) and 7 to the financial statements.

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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th, 41st and 51st meetings, on 3 and 4 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR. 40, 41 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 (A/58/660);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/661);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/705);

(d) Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/759 and Add.3).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.80

4. At the 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" (A/C.5/58/L.80), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Australia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.80 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1270 (1999) of 22 October 1999, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council revised and extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1537 (2004) of 30 March 2004,

Recalling its resolution 53/29 of 20 November 1998 on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, the latest of which was resolution 57/291 B of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 85.5 million

[1] A/58/660, A/58/661 and A/58/705.

[2] A/58/759 and Add.3.

United States dollars, representing some 6.5 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation, bearing in mind that the budget may be revised in light of Security Council resolution 1537 (2004);

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[4]

12. *Decides* to reduce the appropriation authorized for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 under the terms of its resolution 56/251 B of 27 June 2002 from 699,838,300 dollars to 633,447,400 dollars;

[3] A/58/759/Add.3.
[4] A/58/660.

13. *Decides also*, taking into account the amount of 622,469,200 dollars already apportioned for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 in accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 56/251 B and 57/291 A of 20 December 2002, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 10,978,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 of 20 December 2000 and 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, taking into account the scales of assessments for 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated increase in the staff assessment income of 230,000 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;

15. *Decides* to approve the decrease in the estimated staff assessment income for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 from 10,678,500 dollars to 9,560,600 dollars;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

16. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone the amount of 207,246,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 196,982,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 8,391,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,872,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

17. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 207,246,100 dollars at a monthly rate of 17,270,508 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 and updated in resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

18. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 5,610,700 dollars at a monthly rate of 467,558 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,280,600 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,224,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 105,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

19. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the other income in the amount of 27,223,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the

Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and resolution 57/290 A, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003 as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B and 57/4 B;

20. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the other income in the amount of 27,223,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone".

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Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th, 41st and 51st meetings, on 3 and 4 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.40, 41 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 (A/58/642 and Corr.1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/657);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/705);

(d) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/759 and Add.2).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.70

4. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" (A/C.5/58/L.70), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Australia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.70 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1541 (2004) of 29 April 2004,

Recalling also its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 57/331 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 15 April 2004, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 44.9 million United States dollars, representing some 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-three Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

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[1] A/58/642 and Corr.1, A/58/657 and A/58/705.

[2] A/58/759 and Add.2.

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

5. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 44,041,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, inclusive of 41,860,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 1,783,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 398,000 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 44,041,200 dollars at a monthly rate of 3,670,100 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in its resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004

[3] A/58/759 and Add.2.

[4] A/58/642 and Corr.1.

and 2005 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

15. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,191,600 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,908,900 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 260,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 22,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

16. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 5,953,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 and 57/290 A of 20 December 2002, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002;

17. *Decides also* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 5,953,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 16 above;

18. *Decides further* that the decrease of 444,800 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be set off against the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 16 and 17 above;

19. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

20. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

21. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

22. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".

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Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 April 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 48th and 51st meetings, on 25 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.48 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 4 April 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/788);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/806).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.84

4. At the 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" (A/C.5/58/L.84), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Guatemala.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.84 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of twelve months as from 4 April 2004,

Recognizing that the costs of the Operation are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

3. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

4. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

[1] A/58/788

[2] A/58/806

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the organizational and management structures of the Operation and, in this regard, to pay particular attention to the level and functions of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General positions and provide detailed information thereon in the next budget submission;

8. *Takes note* of paragraphs 26 to 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the functions assigned to the Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General are performed consistent with the mandate of the Operation, until such time as the General Assembly is able to take a decision on the revised organizational structure;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

Budget estimates for the period from 4 April to 31 December 2004

11. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Operation;

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the special account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire the amount of 96,368,100 United States dollars for the period from 4 April to 30 June 2004 for the establishment of the Operation, inclusive of the amount of 49,943,300 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

13. *Decides also* to appropriate to the special account for the Operation the amount of 211,101,400 dollars, inclusive of 200,646,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2004, 8,547,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,907,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides further* to apportion among Member States the amount of 96,368,100 dollars for the Operation for the period from 4 April to 30 June 2004, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

15. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among

Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 766,900 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 4 April to 30 June 2004;

16. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 200,646,600 dollars for the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2004, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above;

17. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,588,000 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2004;

18. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 8,547,300 dollars for the support account and the amount of 1,907,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B;

19. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provision of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,354,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, comprising the prorated share of 1,247,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 107,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Operation;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".

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Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 86th plenary meeting, on 6 May 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 47th, 48th, and 51st meetings on 24 and 25 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee' s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.47, 48 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the interim budget for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 May to 31 December 2004 (A/58/800);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/809).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.82

4. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti" (A/C.5/58/L.82), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Slovakia.

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5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.82 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1529 (2004) of 29 February 2004, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support continuation of a peaceful and constitutional political process and the maintenance of a secure and stable environment in Haiti,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1542 (2004) of 30 April 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for an initial period of six months,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

3. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

[1] A/58/800.

[2] A/58/809.

4. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to make efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 May to 31 October 2004

9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the purpose of accounting for income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Mission;

10. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 172,480,500 United States dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004 for the maintenance of the Mission, in addition to the amount of 49,259,800 dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2004 authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the establishment of the Mission under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

Financing of the commitment authority

11. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 221,740,300 dollars, comprising the amount of 49,259,800 dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2004 and the amount of 172,480,500 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

12. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,272,000 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 387,000 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2004 and the estimated staff assessment income of 1,885,000 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004;

13. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

14. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

15. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti".